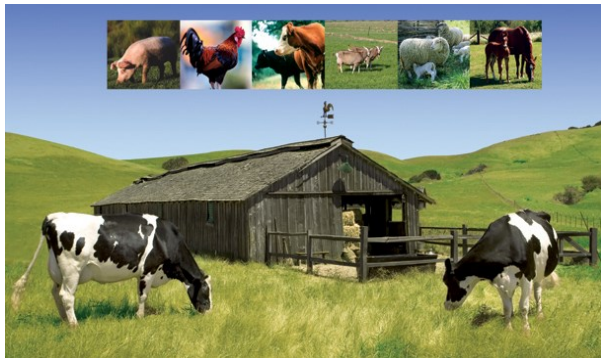


California Law

Effective January 1st of 2018, the use of over the counter injectable and all other medically important antibiotics requires a prescription or veterinary feed directive (VFD) ordered by a licensed veterinarian through a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR).



Three C's of Antibiotic Use

Connect. Establish or maintain a working relationship with your local livestock veterinarian.

Conserve. Keep medically important antibiotics effective through diligent animal stewardship and judicious use of these valuable tools.

Collaborate. You deserve a program to address your needs. By participating in our voluntary surveys and studies, we can help you address use, resistance and husbandry

About Us

The California Department of Food & Agriculture will provide voluntary antibiotic stewardship guidelines and best management practices to assist producers and veterinarians in reducing the use of medically important antibiotics for the more than 20 livestock species and production types important to California. The guidelines will be an ongoing endeavor to incorporate scientifically validated practical alternatives to the use of medically important antibiotic drugs.



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Have you purchased livestock drugs in the past year?



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New Limitations for Sale & Use of Antibiotics in Livestock

What is the difference?

Source	 Federal Law	 California Law
Drugs	Medically Important Antibiotics	Same
Formulations	Medicated feed and water	All (injectable, intra-mammary, feed, water, etc)
New Systems	Feed: VFD w/VCPR Water: Rx w/VCPR	Rx or VFD w/VCPR
Indications	Treatment, control and prevention	Same
Limitations	Not for growth promotion or feed efficiency	Same, plus no "regular pattern" preventative use
Effective Date	Jan 1, 2017	Jan 1, 2018

Antibiotics and Resistance

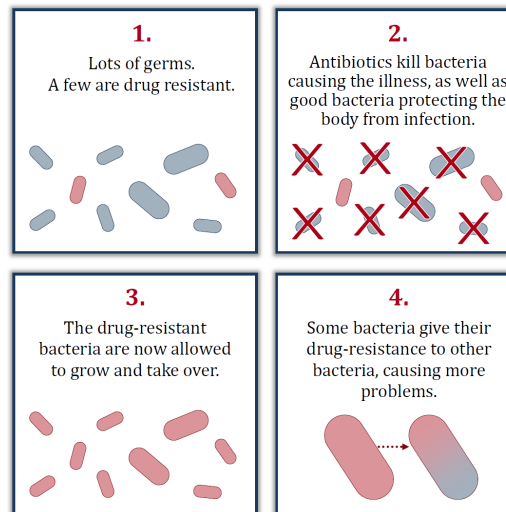
Antibiotics used to prevent and treat diseases in animals are a valuable tool that producers and veterinarians use to improve animal welfare and general animal health and well-being.

The potency of this tool is threatened by antibiotic resistance (when the drug no longer works on a group of bacteria).

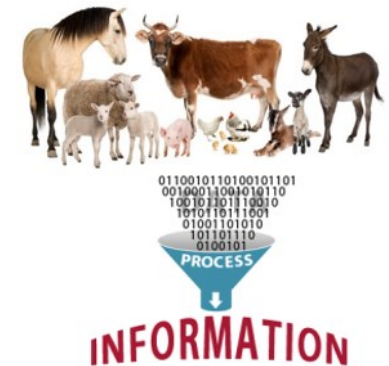
The goal of the new law in California is to preserve the efficacy and ensure current and future availability of antibiotics for use in livestock.

How Resistance Happens

This crisis is a real and natural event that is accelerated with the use of antibiotics.



Surveys



Many reports inappropriately use raw tonnage of antibiotics sold in the US in attempts to tie antibiotic use in livestock to resistance in humans. AUS strives to more accurately represent antibiotic use in CA livestock by:

- Using voluntary surveys to collect information from CA producers and veterinarians
- Surveying animal health and livestock management practices as well as antibiotic use
- All information confidentially held

This data will help develop relevant resources for producers, veterinarians, and the public.